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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DANILO PORRO ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/068,137

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING LACTIC  
ACID USING YEAST TRANSFORMED  
WITH A GENE ENCODING LACTATE  
DEHYDROGENASE

Confirmation No.: 8385

Group Art Unit: 1652

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED MAY 12, 2005

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, for which  
the three-month date for response is August 12, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21  
be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan  
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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendment to the claims (following at pp. 3-4) and remarks (following at pp. 5-6).